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1. Communist China

We are beginning to suspect something is amiss in the Mao Tse-tung - Lin Piao relationship.

Lin, who has been advertised as Mao's alter ego since last August, has not been seen or heard from in nearly two months. The recent statements launching a new purge in the army failed to mention Lin at all--a surprising omission for a highly touted military comrade.

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3. Congo

Under pressure from the Belgian Government, Union Minière has come forward with a new proposition. Under this plan, the company would supervise the mines and act as sales agent for the copper. The deal, however, calls for some tough concessions from Mobutu. The Congolese will kick and scream for a while but, in the end, may accept this as the best way out.

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4. Togo

Lt. Col. Eyadema, commander of Togo's 600-man army and leader of this morning's quiet coup, is not likely to fare any better than his predecessor in solving Togolese problems. He is not a very strong Strong Man, and there is some danger that in thrashing around for support he may link up with followers of Ghana's Nkrumah.

All Americans in the small West African republic are safe.

5. France

No major steps are likely to emerge from the Kiesinger - De Gaulle talks now under way in Paris, but both men will be exploring ways to get Franco-German relations off the reef where they were left by Erhard. In the long run, the prospects are for greater cooperation between Paris and Bonn.

6. Dominican Republic

For a week now, Dominican high school students have been staying away from classes to protest Balaguer's educational policies. So far, there have been few incidents between the youthful demonstrators and police, but the students are picking up steam--and support from more experienced antigovernment types. Given the short fuses on Dominican tempers, the situation could get ugly.

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7. Soviet Union

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